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COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)

DATE DISTR. 17 July 1951

SUBJECT Construction of a Bridge
near Skadow (N 52/A 67)

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On 9 April 1951, it was observed that Soviet officers and 30 to 35 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in building a new bridge across the Spree River near Skadow, about 5 km north of Cottbus. Piles were being driven in the river. A wooden cabin occupied by a soldier wearing black-bordered black epaulets was seen at the building site. Source learned that work on the construction of the bridge had been under way since 28 March 1951. *

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Comment. The purpose of the new bridge is not clear. The bridge, which is already available near Skadow 500 meters south of the reported bridge, carries a minor road connecting Skadow and Wilmersdorf. It is possible that the bridge was being built in connection with routine training for Soviet engineer units.

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